

## For Immediate Release

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## PREPAREDNESS EXPO

The Kiowa County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the Oklahoma Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (OKVOAD) have partnered together to host a Preparedness Expo on Saturday, March 7 at the Western Technology Center, 1000 South Bailey in Hobart from 10 am to 3 pm.

The event is a coordinated effort among local, county and state preparedness partners, in an effort to connect local residents with resources to assist in planning for disasters and emergencies. This is also an opportunity to talk directly to emergency agencies, who will be discussing and demonstrating emergency preparedness, including: family fire escape plans, CPR awareness, legal questions, emergency kits, suicide prevention and many additional safety related topics.

## Event Participants Include:

- Kiowa County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- · Oklahoma Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- American Red Cross
- AEP / Public Service Company of Oklahoma
- · Catholic Charities of Oklahoma
- Crisis Care Ministries
- Disaster Resilience Network
- Great Plains Child Care Resource & Referral Agency
- Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma Emergency Management
- Oklahoma Indian Legal Services
- Oklahoma Insurance Department
- Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps
- Paws With Love Therapy Dogs
- Ready OK (OK Department of Homeland Security)
- Southern Baptist Disaster Relief serving FREE lunch!
- Local First Responders
- Western Technology Center (providing driving simulator)

The LEPC consists of emergency agencies, first responders, schools, utility and pipeline companies and public officials. The activities of this committee include maintenance of the county Emergency Operations Plan for natural disasters and chemical accidents, receiving chemical reports from subject facilities, and making that information available to the public. The LEPC will also work to build a coordinated planning effort with emergency response agencies.

The OKVOAD is an association of state organizations that mitigate and alleviate the impact of disasters, provides a forum promoting cooperation, communication, coordination and collaboration; and fosters more effective delivery of services to communities affected by disaster.

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Admission is free to the public. If you would like more information, please contact the Kiowa County Health Department at 580-726-3316.

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